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SUBJECT: (SBU) REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON MIGRATION IN
EUROPE PROMPTED BY THE FINANCIAL CRISIS (C-RE9-00762)

(U) THIS CABLE IS SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED - PROTECT
ACCORDINGLY.

11. (SBU) WASHINGTON ANALYSTS ARE MONITORING THE IMPACT OF
THE GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS ON MIGRATION PATTERNS IN EUROPE
AND THE POTENTIAL FOR WIDESCALE DISPLACEMENT OF CITIZENS IN
THE EU, THE BALKANS, AND THE NORDIC COUNTRIES THAT COULD
POSSIBLY FUEL SOCIAL TENSION AND PUT PRESSURE ON EUROPEAN AND
OTHER GOVERNMENTS. TO THE EXTENT THAT THIS INFORMATION CAN
BE ACQUIRED IN THE NORMAL COURSE OF BUSINESS, ANALYSTS WOULD
APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON ANY ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, AND SOCIAL
REACTIONS AND/OR FALLOUT CAUSED BY THE VOLUNTARY AND FORCED
MOVEMENT OF WORKERS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE CRISIS.
ANALYSTS REQUEST THIS INFORMATION TO DEEPEN THEIR ANALYSIS
AND APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION POSTS CAN PROVIDE, AS TIME AND
RESOURCES PERMIT. MANY THANKS, AND REGARDS FROM WASHINGTON.

1A. (SBU) FOR THOSE COUNTRIES, PRIMARILY THE EU MEMBER STATES, NORWAY, AND SWITZERLAND, THAT UNTIL THE FINANCIAL CRISIS HAD BEEN NET IMPORTERS OF LABOR:

1) (SBU) WHAT EFFORTS, IF ANY, IS THE GOVERNMENT IN YOUR COUNTRY TAKING TO FACILITATE THE RETURN OF MIGRANT WORKERS TO THEIR HOME COUNTRIES? WHAT ARE THE MIGRANTS, REACTIONS TO THIS AND ARE ANY GROUPS PARTICULARLY RECEPTIVE TO THESE EFFORTS?

2) (SBU) WHAT STEPS, IF ANY, IS THE GOVERNMENT IN YOUR COUNTRY TAKING TO DISCOURAGE CONTINUED INFLUX OF MIGRANT WORKERS BY INTRODUCING LAWS TO RESTRICT IMMIGRATION AND REDUCE WORK PERMITS FOR THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS?

3) (SBU) HAVE MIGRANT WORKERS' HOME COUNTRY GOVERNMENTS PUT PRESSURE ON GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN YOUR COUNTRY TO ALLOW MIGRANT WORKERS TO STAY IN THE HOST COUNTRY?

4) (SBU) HOW HAS THE ECONOMIC CRISIS AFFECTED ESTIMATED FLOWS OF UNDOCUMENTED MIGRANTS? CAN THE COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN FOR INCOMING OR RETURNING MIGRANTS BE IDENTIFIED?

5) (SBU) IN WHICH ECONOMIC SECTORS OR JOB TYPES ARE MIGRANTS USUALLY EMPLOYED IN YOUR COUNTRY? HAVE THERE BEEN ANY NOTICEABLE FLUCTUATIONS IN ONE INDUSTRY BUT NOT IN OTHERS? IF SO, PLEASE DESCRIBE.

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6) (SBU) WHAT INCIDENTS, IF ANY, HAVE OCCURRED THAT SUGGEST THAT ANTI-IMMIGRANT SENTIMENT HAS INCREASED SINCE THE START OF THE FINANCIAL CRISIS? ARE THESE ACTS TARGETED AT PARTICULAR COMMUNITIES OR FOREIGNERS IN GENERAL? WHAT IS THE POLITICAL RESPONSE TO ACTS OF HOSTILITY TOWARD IMMIGRANTS? WHAT IS THE LEVEL OF PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE OF ANTI-IMMIGRANT ATTITUDES?

1B. (SBU) FOR THOSE COUNTRIES, PRIMARILY IN CENTRAL EUROPE, THE BALKANS, AND TURKEY, THAT UNTIL THE FINANCIAL CRISIS HAD BEEN NET EXPORTERS OF LABOR:

1) (SBU) HAS THERE BEEN A NOTICEABLE DROP IN REMITTANCES SINCE THE START OF THE FINANCIAL CRISIS? HOW MUCH HAS THIS AFFECTED THE OVERALL ECONOMY?

2) (SBU) HAS THERE BEEN AN INFLUX OF MIGRANT WORKERS RETURNING TO YOUR COUNTRY SINCE THE START OF THE FINANCIAL CRISIS? IF SO, WHAT STEPS, IF ANY, IS THE GOVERNMENT IN YOUR COUNTRY TAKING TO MANAGE THE INFLUX OF RETURNING WORKERS? ARE THESE WORKERS FINDING JOBS IN THEIR HOME COUNTRY? IF SO, IN WHAT INDUSTRIES? ARE THE AVAILABLE JOBS A MATCH FOR THE SKILL LEVELS OF THE RETURNING WORKERS?

3) (SBU) DESCRIBE ANY INSTANCES OF SOCIAL TENSION CAUSED BY WORKERS RETURNING HOME.

4) (SBU) WHAT INCENTIVES, IF ANY, ARE CENTRAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT RESPECTIVELY, OFFERING TO ENCOURAGE THEIR CITIZENS ABROAD TO RETURN HOME? WHAT STEPS, IF ANY, ARE THESE GOVERNMENTS TAKING TO DISCOURAGE THEIR CITIZENS FROM RETURNING HOME?

5) (SBU) IN GENERAL, DID THESE WORKERS RETURN VOLUNTARILY OR WERE THEY FORCED TO RETURN HOME BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMIC CLIMATE? DO THEY INTEND TO LEAVE THEIR HOME COUNTRY AGAIN WHEN THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IMPROVES?

6) (SBU) IN WHAT WAYS HAS THE INFLUX OF RETURNING WORKERS PUT ADDITIONAL STRAIN ON PUBLIC SECTOR SOCIAL SERVICES?

12. (U) PLEASE CITE C-RE9-00762 IN THE SUBJECT LINE OF REPORTING IN RESPONSE TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS.
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